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President's Message

Most of our members are now receiving their timber talk electronically now and we have received many positive comments including comments that the coloured scans are nice. Unfortunately we are not able to produce the mailed copies in a coloured mode. If you have an email address and would like to receive the electronic copy please send me your email address at wood5cents@shaw.ca.

With the large number of members receiving the newsletter electronically it does not appear that there is any economic saving in redirecting the remaining US hard copies through a US mailing so we will continue mailing all of the remaining hard copies from Canada.

I have received many 2009 renewals but there are still a number of members who have not renewed, Please send your 2009 renewals to CAWMC , Box 2643, Station M, Calgary, Alberta Canada T2A 4H9. If you have any queries concerning your membership status please contact me by email, mail or telephone at 403-273-6133. Unpaid members will be removed from our distribution lists prior to the distribution of the April bulletin.

Although it is still many months before our meeting at the annual meeting of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association in Edmonton, Alberta in August, it is not too early to start considering if you are planning to attend. We live in Calgary about 200 miles south of Edmonton but my wife and I own a cabin about 40 miles west of Edmonton. We are planning to hold a barbecue at our cabin the Sunday following the convention week. If you are planning to come to Edmonton in August you are invited to come to our cabin for the barbecue on the same day as our annual meeting so please take that into consideration when you make your travel plans. If you have any questions please contact me at any of the contact points shown above.

Good collecting. Al

Editors Remarks February 2009 TT

Happy New Year to all members, collectors and dealers as well as manufacturers that strike our wooden collectables. 2008 was a busy year for our hobby and our association. Our July visit to the last CNA convention in Ottawa was certainly a highlight, and we look forward to an Alberta visit for the first RCNA convention in Edmonton this August. I suggest that members make their travel and hotel reservations early as I expect this convention to be a popular one!

I am very pleased with the first few issues we have produced since going digital. I encourage any remaining snailmail subscribers to convert to receiving the full colour version electronically. I also continue to invite members to submit articles. Profiles of collectors and woods producers are particularly welcome. The history of wooden money is found in these months pages in an article originally published in the e-sylum newsletter, a free publication that I heartily encourage members to subscribe to! If any members fail to be entertained by the esylum, I will personally refund your subscription. Speaking of free, I hope all our readers also subscribe for the eh-bulletin, produced by long-time CAWMC member, numismatist and bon vivant John Regitko. Email coinman@look.ca to be added to the subscriber lists. John promises a similar money-back guarantee for your free subscription.

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PAST PRESIDENTS:

Garry Braunwarth: 1975 - 1977

Victor Hall: 1977 - 1979 *

Don Robb: 1979 - 1981

Stanley Clute: 1981 - 1983

Neil Probert: 1983 - 1985

Norm Belsten: 1985 - 1991

Pat White: 1991 - 1995 *

Lou Vesh: 1995 - 2001

Earl Salterio: 2001 - 2003 *

Norm Belsten: 2003 - 2005

(* Deceased)

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

Free wood this month is the North York, Ontario wood, issued in 1972. It is printed in blue both sides and 38mm dia.



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Membership dues in the Canadian Association
 Of Wooden Money Collectors are:
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 And the U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds
 Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00
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As we get past our new year's celebrations, I am pleased to include two new stories about Alaska woods from Rusty Phillips in snowy Port Alberni. The stories bring back fond memories of a family vacation in Alaska in August 1997.

In my work-aholic days, I had a scheduled vacation get steadily pushed later and later in the summer. My original plan had been to drive my family to the Saguenay River for some whale watching and a side-trip to my birthplace in northern Quebec.

Finally I realized that the only way a vacation would happen was to use my frequent flier miles so my family could accompany me to Yukon for a work assignment at the White Pass & Yukon Railway. On our return from Skagway Alaska, we visited my sister's family on Vancouver Island. There, we traveled to Uclulet, which included two passages through Port Alberni, where my brother-in-law grew up. In 1997, Port Alberni had the last drive-in restaurant in Canada.

Rusty Phillips, a returning contributor to Timber Talk, will receive one of the first Timber Talk editor's woods.

Famous Last Words:

"Gentlemen, you are about to see the effect of electricity on wood."

Charles Frederick Wood, 1963, while facing his death penalty on the electric chair.

EARL JOSEPH SALTERIO**1934 - 2005**

The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors lost a friend and valued member when Earl Joseph Salterio, F.C.N.A., F.C.N.R.S., and Knight of St. Eligius, passed away, in Calgary, on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at the age of 70.

Earl was born in Saint John, NB on May 26, 1934. He joined the Bank of Nova Scotia in Fredericton in 1961, and his affiliation with the banking system sparked his interest in numismatics. He served in various branches in New Brunswick. In 1981, Earl was transferred to Calgary where he worked until his retirement on February 28, 1993.

Earl was very active in the hobby of numismatics and received numerous prestigious awards. He was President of the Fredericton Numismatic Society, the Calgary Numismatic Society and the Canadian Numismatic Association. He received the Calgary Numismatic Society's Donald D. Paterson Award in 1985 and was presented with Honorary Life Membership # 13 in the Calgary Numismatic Society in 1998. Earl received the Canadian Numismatic Association's 1994 Guy Potter Literary Award; the same year he was appointed a Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Association (F.C.N.A.). Earl received the prestigious J. Douglas Ferguson Award, the highest award in Canadian Numismatics, in the year 2000. He was also presented with an American Numismatic Association Presidential Award for "Outstanding Contributions to the ANA and the Coin Collecting Community" in 2000.

Earl began attending Canadian Numismatic Association conventions in 1980 in Montreal and while in Montreal, Earl met Scoop Lewry who became a close friend and fellow collector. It was shortly after this that Earl became a member of CAWMC and eventually served as President of the Association. His interests in wooden money collecting included the Maritimes, Western Canada specializing in Alberta, C.N.A. related woods, personal issues of friends and the unique woods crafted by CAWMC member Lou Vesh.

Earl issued many personal woods to commemorate personal significant events as well as to commemorate numerous numismatic events such as coin shows and conventions. In the early 2000's Earl decided to reduce his numismatic involvement and sold all but his maritime collection. He quickly realized that he really enjoyed the wooden tokens crafted by his friend Lou Vesh and at the time of his death was trying to rebuild that portion of his previous collection.

Earl has been missed by all who knew him.

Written by Al Munro

A DAIRY QUEEN UPDATE

I recently received the following wood from Rich Boyles that is not in my book "A PICTURE GUIDE BOOK OF THE DAIRY QUEEN WOODEN TOKENS". It is from Turlock, CA and is the traditional red in color and has a type 6 reverse.



Anyone who has any Dairy Queen's to report please send me a good clear copy of the wood, or the wood itself if you are willing to part with it, and I will see that it is listed in a future Dairy queen update and you will be given credit for reporting it.

Send any information to me at P.O. Box 124, Highspire, PA, 17034. Thanks to all who have sent information in the past.

Alaska Woods Feb 2009 Timber Talk
By David Phillips

David Phillips is the secretary of the Alberni Valley Coin Club, a member club of CAWMC. He is a frequent contributor to Timber Talk

Recently, I became aware of a new wood emanating from Fairbanks Alaska. However, when I contacted the issuing business, I found there were actually two woods issued, as follows:

Pike's Aviator Greenhouse & Sweets-
 with blue lettering and designs on both sides:



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The woods pictures and design work were done by Raven Screens Printing of Fairbanks, and the woods manufactured by Gold Bind Inc. of Tennessee. 5000 were struck (but I am unsure whether that is 5000 of each, or 5000 in total???)

Pike's Aviator Greenhouse & Sweets is a new gift shop associated with the long established Pike's Waterfront Lodge (a hotel on the Chena River, close to Fairbanks. See www.pikeslodge.com)

Both woods are issued for advertising purposes, but also, as follows:

The blue lettered woods are issued to school children in the Fairbanks area. During the summer, the woods are redeemable for ice cream cones at the gift shop.

-the green lettered woods are issued as a "Thank You" to people staying at the Lodge, and to locals doing business at the lodge or Greenhouse & Sweets shop. The wood is also redeemable during the summer for an ice cream, or, during the winter, for a chocolate chip cookie.

Interestingly enough, Pike's Lodge and the gift shop are both owned by Mr. Jay Ramras. In 2005, Mr. Ramras ran successfully as district representative at the Alaska state house.

A wooden campaign token helped him win, and he has since been re-elected twice.



It wood appear that Mr. Ramras favours wooden tokens to promote his enterprises successfully!!!



A photo of Jay Ramras
 from www.akarepublicans.org

Rusty Phillips extends his sincere thanks to Tuck Mallory, who provided the history of these woods in 2005.

THE TORONTO COIN CLUB'S 70th ANNIVERSARY WOOD

by John Regitko, CAWMC Member #265



In a previous Timber Talk, an illustration of the new 70th Anniversary Wood was illustrated, giving credit for its distribution at the 2006 C.N.A. Convention to John Regitko and the CNA Convention. The story is, however, a bit more interesting than a simple new issue.

At the conclusion of the banquet at the 2005 C.N.A. Convention in Calgary, I was given the opportunity to say a few words to promote the following year's C.N.A. Convention at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel & Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario. I conducted two draws. One was for a Main Registration Kit for the 2006 C.N.A. Convention, won by CAWMC member Aloma Blaylock of S. Ogden, Utah. The second prize consisted of a quantity of wooden nickels that would contain the 2006 Convention's promotional logo on one side, with the other side of a design chosen by the winner. I stated that the woods would be included in the 2006 Main Registration Kits and handed out to wooden nickel collectors, with a quantity also going to the winner.

CAWMC member Rick Craig, who had traveled to the Calgary Convention from Ontario, was the winner of the woods. Rather than submitting a design that included his name or other personal information, he asked instead to recognize the very significant milestone that would be reached by the Toronto Coin Club.

A quantity of 200 of the woods were manufactured. One hundred were allocated to the 2006 Main Registration Kits, and enough were given to our Timber Talk editor to include with a mailing of Timber Talk as the monthly "free wood." The balance was given to Rick Craig for distribution to members of the Toronto Coin Club and his friends.



I submitted a draft design (illustrated at left) to Canada Wide Woods, who proposed that the wording should be circular, which was agreed to. Paul Petch designed the Convention side.

It is not very often that a coin club can boast being in continuous existence for 70 years. The Toronto Coin Club is one of the few Canadian coin clubs to accomplish this tremendous feat. So, instead of him using his win for a personal wood, Rick Craig "donated" it to the Toronto Coin Club. Bottom line, we have Rick Craig's unselfish dedication to the Toronto Coin Club to thank for this wood. I even offered to award him a second prize so he

could have his own wood, but unselfishly, he declined the offer. And here I was hoping that we could entice him to become a "woodie!"

Tenino, Washington was named for its elevation above sea level, ten-nine-oh. Their Chamber of Commerce issued paper scrip in December 1931 and wood flats in 1932. These are considered the first examples of wooden money. More can be found in *Depression Scrip of the United States* by Mitchell and Shafer.

Del Cushing writes:

Tenino was the first town to produce Legal Tender Wooden Money which was issued as the result of the closing of the bank. Those with money in the bank were allowed to consign up to 15% of their bank account to the Chamber of Commerce in exchange for the wooden money. The first issue was in December, 1931.

The favorite story of the town's name is that comes from the train engine which ran through the town. Its number was 10-9-0. There are other versions of where the name comes from but the train story is what is featured on one of the commemorative wooden money notes.

Here's what the City of Tenino has to say on its web site:

In 1872 the railroad from the Columbia reached Hodgkins farm and a station was built and named Tenino. It was the beginning of a settlement that later grew into the Town of Tenino. There is much speculation about the origin of the name, with stories that it was named after a railroad locomotive with number 1090 or a survey stake with that designation marked on it. According to the railroad archives, neither of these tales is true. There is considerable evidence that the name preceded the rail road and is of Indian origin, meaning a branch in the trail or meeting place.

To read the complete history of Tenino, WA, see: [A Brief History of Tenino," By Art Dwelley](http://www.ci.tenino.wa.us/history_by_dwelley.htm)
(www.ci.tenino.wa.us/history_by_dwelley.htm)

The town's web site also has a nice history of the Tenino Wooden Money of 1931. Does anyone own one of the original 25 pieces produced? -Editor

The Nation, and Tenino, was gripped by the Great Depression in 1931, and money was scarce. The Independent in November of that year advocated editorially that scrip be used to meet the currency shortage. Then on December 5, 1931, the matter of emergency struck home with the failure of the Citizens Bank of Tenino. Joel Gould, now of Olympia, came over from Buckley to act as liquidator. This tied-up the accounts of the depositors while the affairs of the defunct bank were being adjusted. Thus the shortage of money became acute.

The Tenino Chamber of Commerce met to meet the emergency and agreed to issue scrip to permit the depositors to assign 25% of their bank accounts to the Chamber. The printing press at the Independent office was soon running out of assignment forms and depositors signed for definite amounts of money within the 25% limitations. The printing of \$1.00, \$5.00 and \$10 denomination scrip was done on engraved pieces the size of paper money then in use. The 25 cent denomination was the yellow bond paper without any fancy border. Trustees of the Chamber of Commerce Committee, F.W. Wichman, D.M. Major and A.H. Meyers, signed each piece. They agreed to redeem the certificates During the Process of Liquidation of the Citizens Bank of Tenino. This scrip printed in December, 1931 totaled \$3,255, of which \$1,279 was circulated. Eventually the Chamber redeemed \$1,079.75 of this scrip.



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